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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 26, 2020:

Section 1-F: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.91′ N lat with the following restrictions:

<u>Boca de Quadra</u>: will be closed **east of a line from Foggy Point Light at 54°55.45'** N lat, 130°58.65' W long to Black Rock Light at 55°01.40' N lat, 131°03.55' W long to the southernmost tip of Black Island at 55°07.91' N lat, 131°04.85' W long then due east to the mainland shore.

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Dall Head at 55°07.74′ N lat.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 26, 2020:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island at 55°00.73′ N lat with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 3

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 26, 2020:

Section 3-A: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Webster Point at 54°58.28′ N lat with the following restrictions:

<u>Dall Island Shore</u>: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point at 55°03.62′ N lat, 132°58.33′ W long, to Shoe Island Light at 54°57.10′ N lat, 132°44.78′ W long, to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point at 54°43.80′ N lat, 132°41.83′ W long;

<u>Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters</u>: will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.40′ N lat, 132°24.77′ W long to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island at 54°53.25′ N lat, 132°20.35′ W long to a point at 54°49.68′ N lat, 132°20.50′ W long;

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Kassa Point at 132°31.62′ W long.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch at 55°46.87′ N lat, 133°42.10′ W long to the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.06′ N lat, 133°27.37′ W long to the southwesternmost tip of Point Arboleda at 55°19.10′ N lat, 133°27.81′ W long with the following restriction:

<u>Port Asumcion</u>: will be closed north and west of a line from Point Cosinas at 55°21.80′ N lat, 133°30.64′ W long to a point west of Point Maria located at 55°22.04′ N lat, 133°30.26′ W long.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 26, 2020:

District 4: will be open.

District 5

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 26, 2020:

Shakan Bay: will be open east of the longitude of Station Island Light at 133°37.55′ W long.

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 26, 2020:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Point Augusta: will be open within 0.5 nautical miles (nmi) of the Chichagof Island shoreline east of a line from a marker at 58°02.44′ N lat, 134°57.50′ W long to a point at 58°03.00′ N lat, 134°57.85′ W long, south of 58°03.00′ N lat, and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63′ N lat (located 1.0 nmi south of Point Augusta Light).

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas (including the Kendrick Bay THA), Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. These restrictions will be in effect until at least August 1, 2020.

Fishermen and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of delivery.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that harvest from the Kendrick Bay THA should be kept and reported on a separate fish ticket from harvest outside of the Kendrick Bay THA. The statistical area for the Kendrick Bay THA is 102-15 and includes the waters of McLean Arm and Kendrick Bay. The statistical areas for portions of District 2 open outside of the Kendrick Bay THA are 102-10 (Kendrick Bay south) and 102-20 (Kendrick Bay north).

NSRAA is falling short of their broodstock goals for their Hidden Falls and Gunnuk Creek hatcheries. Therefore, the SE Cove THA common property fishery will be closed to allow for broodstock collection.

To date, only 915 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of 3,700 sockeye salmon, well below the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement as the season progresses and will continue to take management actions in District 1 through statistical week 33.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S3420.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 30 (midweek)

Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 24, 2020

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	2,900	800	138,000	7,300	149,000	76
District 2	0	200	300	25,000	4,000	29,500	15
District 3	0	2,200	1,500	47,000	10,000	60,700	30
Total	0	5,300	2,600	210,000	21,300	239,200	121

	FISH PER BOAT						
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	38	11	1,816	96	1,961	
District 2	0	13	20	1,667	267	1,967	
District 3	0	73	50	1,567	333	2,023	

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 20,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,200 Chinook salmon and 81,500 chum salmon.

Thomas Bay THA harvest to date: 25,000* chum salmon.

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^{*}corrected harvest